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SURGICAL AND MEDICAL POPULAR REMEDIES USED FOR HORSES' DISEASES TREATMENT FROM MARAMUREȘ MOUNTAINS AREA

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Due to horses' extreme use for labor as well as due to their maintenance and sheltering conditions, appear different surgical and medical diseases. Before the enforcing of cult veterinarian medicine in the area, different popular remedies had been used for these diseases' treatment.

In an investigation made on field in three villages (Șurdești, Budești, Șișești) from Maramureș, found on Gutâi mountain foot I found some methods and empirical recipes for bruises, wounds as well as the pulmonary emphysema. Thus to legs and joints bruises the treatment is the winding up of the ill joint with wool or wool made tissue soaked in warm alcohol with salt or hot apple vinegar with salt.

For joints inflammation, the ill joint is lubricated with clay kneaded with apple vinegar and salt.

On the wounds is applied a mixture of bee wax with bitter salt (magnesium sulphate), in the same time in equal parts 3 spoons of grease (pork grease), sugar and magnesium sulphate; it is applied also on the wounds a tincture made from green nut shells, or alcohol crushed nut leafs. In order to stop the hemorrhages is sprinkled salt on the wound and cold water. For hoofs injuries, for horseshoe nail constriction is used petroleum or fir resin poured on the hole left by the pin.

For eye bruises was used chamomile tea and for cataract is spread in the eye pounded sugar, pounded salt and rarely pounded glass. A performer told me about a safe recipe as he ascertained: chopped tobacco leafs mixed with saliva applied on the ill eye.

For the pulmonary emphysema, which is frequent in the area is administered to the horse a sulfur spoon in the oat portion and at the same time wild, dry, pounded chestnuts. It is also administered for emphysema half liter of sunflower oil in the oat portion.

For colds and pneumonia were practiced inhalations with rot osier and dry fowls excrements mixed with feathers, hay flower, alcohol, fir buds or branches put in a hemp sachet with a hot hoof in over which is poured hot water and the sachet is fixed on the horse's head in a way not to injure with the hot vapors the horse's lips and it is let there for 1-2 hours.

Due to horse's importance for the rural economy existed an intense preoccupation for animals' welfare and treatment using in this respect a rich sort of natural treatments with evident or less evident results if not harmful.